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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 3 October 1968

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ADD/I reported that [] has completed a memorandum evaluating the recent surge of reporting on Cambodian assistance to the Viet Cong. It notes that the increased publicity appears to be the result of Ambassador Bunker's concerted effort to surface this issue and that, in fact, there has been no appreciable change in Cambodian aid to the Viet Cong since our last analysis in July.



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ADD/I provided a report on the status of the Rumanian military forces.

Lehman for Godfrey briefed on the military coup in Peru, noting that General Velasco and the military have taken command and that President Belaunde has been deposed. Tension has risen constantly in Peru, arising in the first instance from the complex negotiations with the International Petroleum Company on nationalization of oil fields and refineries. It would appear that the successful exploitation of the IPC issue by Haya de la Torre and the APRA, as well as the growing likelihood that Haya himself might be a candidate for the presidency in the impending election, finally prompted the military to intervene.

Lehman reported that there was considerable violence in Mexico City last night, with the students returning police fire for the first time.

Lehman noted that the Czech leadership delegation has finally departed for Moscow.

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Maury reported that Congressman Selden was briefed yesterday in preparation for his trip to Central America and that Senator Jackson was briefed by [] on Soviet military deployment in Eastern Europe.

Maury advised that Senator Mundt's session yesterday with General Vang Pao went well.

*Maury indicated that, in connection with yesterday's Senate executive session, Senator Russell requested and obtained certain sections of the Director's 16 September briefing text and the Foreign Relations Committee staff requested and obtained the transcript of the Director's 3 February 1967 briefing before the Disarmament Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The Director reminded Maury to be sure to retrieve the transcript provided to the Foreign Relations Committee staff.

*DD/S&T advised that the [] Panel has completed its organization sessions and that the Panel members seem positive and enthusiastic about their tasks. In this connection, the Director commented favorably on the kinds of questions posed for the Panel's consideration by the DD/S&T, the ADD/I, and D/ONE. The Director asked the DD/S&T and the ADD/I to ensure that those members who were absent the last two days are brought up to speed and are given special attention.

DD/S&T reported that another SR-71 flight went last night. It would appear that the last three SR-71 missions were the best yet flown and that their combined take may amount to 100 percent coverage of North Vietnam.

DD/S&T reported that the Soviets launched another FOBS yesterday.

DD/P advised that several reports are being disseminated concerning the issues confronted by Kuznetsov and the Czechs during the former's sojourn in Czechoslovakia.

DDCI led a discussion on the NIE 11-8 issue of Soviet intentions to develop the SS-13 into a mobile ICBM system and indicated that it would appear a consensus can be reached on this matter in USIB, thereby mitigating the need for a footnote dissent by the military.

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